

2005 Women in Science  
**“Finding YOUR Future”**  
Career Profile PowerPoint Presentation Contest

The “*Finding YOUR Future*” Career Profile PowerPoint contest, is open to all attendees of the 2005 WIS conferences held March 8, 2005 on the campus of Presentation College.

**Topic: Research and compile information and statistics for a specific science-oriented career of your choice. Your task is to prepare a Career Profile PowerPoint presentation using the data you have found.**

There are two categories for the “*Finding YOUR Future*” contest:

- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

\*Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> may submit entries in a WORD document.  
Entries must follow the career profile criteria.

Grades 9 through 12 must submit entries in a PowerPoint format.

Please specify which category you are entering.

One entry per student.

There will be one winner and one runner-up in each category.

\*\*If the quality or number of entries is not considered acceptable by the judges, one or more of the prizes may not be awarded.

Winners will receive a \$500.00 savings bond. Runner-up will receive \$250.00 savings bond  
Winners will be recognized at their school and in the Aberdeen American News.

Decisions of the judges are final.

Winners and runners-up will be notified via e-mail, phone, and/or by mail by April 15, 2005.

All entries become the property of the WIS conference committee and will not be returned.

**Criteria for Evaluation:**

- Originality and creativity in presenting data.
- Well-organized presentation that includes all of the required topics.
- Depth of research.
- Personalized interpretation of data.

## Career Profile Criteria

Your career profile presentation must be **no less** than seven (7) slides and **no more** than ten (10) slides in length.

Topics required (but not limited to):

- Title and description of career choice.  
Why did you choose this career?
- What are the Educational Requirements of this career?  
Is this a 2, 4 or 4+ degree? Is this degree obtainable in South Dakota? Where?
- What high school courses in Math, Science and Technology would benefit you in pursuit of this career?
- What is the outlook for this career?  
Can you practice this career in South Dakota? Where?
- What is the salary range for this career?
- What steps can you take to reach your goals in pursuing this career?
- Personal connections you would like to include regarding your **career** choice. (Here's your chance to be creative and personalize your presentation.
- Strategies for determining this information include use of the Internet and other resources, interviewing a professional in this career and visiting with your school's guidance counselor.
- **Bibliography slide?**

Your presentation must be solely your own work

Your presentation must include the title of the presentation on the *FIRST* slide.

Contest category, your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, your school name and address and current grade should be found on the *LAST* slide.

Please attach a short biography of 50 words or less, along with a **photograph?** as a separate WORD document.

## **How to Submit Your Entry**

Your submission must be postmarked, or your email dated, on or before Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

Submit entries electronically to: [Lisa.Johnsen@noaa.gov](mailto:Lisa.Johnsen@noaa.gov) with WIS “*Find YOUR Future*” in the subject line of your email and your presentation as an attachment.

If you would prefer to submit your presentation via regular mail, include a cover letter containing the following information: your name, address, and telephone number; your school name and address. Your presentation should be submitted on a CD and a hard copy of the WORD document detailed above.

Mail to:        Lisa Johnsen  
                 National Weather Service  
                 824 Brown County 14 South  
                 Aberdeen, SD 57401

Thanks for your participation in the “Finding YOUR Future” Career Profile Contest.  
Good Luck with your entry!